

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LUSAKA 00916 191034 Z

16

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 IO-12 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-09 H-02

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15

USIA-12 AID-20 SY-10 OPR-02 SCSE-00 SCA-01 A-01 M-03

OMB-01 EB-11 COME-00 RSR-01 /172 W
----- 109816

P R 191015 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8887

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

UNCLAS LUSAKA 916

E. O. 11652.: N / A

TAGS: CASC, MOPS, RH, ZA

SUBJECT: MAY 15 BORDER SHOOTING

REF: LUSAKA 910

1. ZAMBIAN PRESS TODAY MAY 19 PUBLISHES FULL TEXT GRZ
COMMUNIQUE ON MAY 15 ZAMBEZI RIVER SHOOTING INCIDENT IN
LEAD STORIES HEADLINED " RHODESIA IS TO BLAME" AND
" THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FALLS SHOOTING".

2. GRZ- OWNED DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL COMMENTS: " ONE THING THAT
COMES CLEARLY IN THIS COMMUNIQUE IS HONESTY WITH WHICH THOSE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LUSAKA 00916 191034 Z

WHO CARRIED OUT INVESTIGATIONS WENT ABOUT THEIR WORK. NOW THAT WE KNOW THESE TOURISTS WERE KILLED BY GUNFIRE THAT CAME FROM THE ZAMBIAN SIDE, MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN TO BE ANSWERED." WHAT WERE TOURISTS DOING IN AREA KNOWN BY WORLD TO BE ONE OF TENSION AND POTENTIAL CONFLICT? THERE ARE TWO RHODESIAN MILITARY CAMPS IN AREA. WHY DID NOT RHODESIANS WARN THEM? WHY WERE TOURISTS ENCOURAGED SWIM IN DANGER AREA? RHODESIA WORRIED ABOUT OWN POLITICAL BLUNDERS AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ENJOYED BY ZAMBIA. RHODESIA " HAD TO PLAN SOMETHING WHICH WOULD ROB ZAMBIA OF ALL SYMPATHY. CHOICE OF THE TOURISTS WHO WERE ALLOWED TO GET WITHIN FIRING DISTANCE OF THE ZAMBIAN SOLDIERS IS INTERESTING. CANADA HAS BEEN KNOWN AS AN OLD FRIEND OF ZAMBIA SINCE UDI AND THE AMERICANS HAVE NEVER BEEN KNOWN AS ENEMIES OF ZAMBIA... THESE FOUR UNFORTUNATE TOURISTS WERE REALLY SHEPHERDED TO THEIR DEATHS BY THE

RHODESIANS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SITUATION WHICH WOULD ROB ZAMBIA OF ANY SYMPATHY FROM HER FRIENDS." NELSON

UNCLASSIFIED
NMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** UNCLASSIFIED

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts:
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973LUSAKA00916
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: n/a
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: LUSAKA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730551/aaaajowj.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 LUSAKA 910
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kellerpr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03-Aug-2001 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <20-Aug-2001 by kellerpr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 980226
Subject: MAY 15 BORDER SHOOTING
TAGS: CASC, MOPS, RH, ZA
To: ADDIS ABABA
AF
BLANTYRE
CAPE TOWN
DURBAN
GABORONE
JOHANNESBURG

LONDON
SECSTATE WASHDC

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005